



Guidelines for ECS Student Chapters

Mission Statement

The mission of an ECS student chapter is to provide students the opportunity to foster a greater understanding as well as promote electrochemical and solid-state science and technology amongst its peers, to further enhance their professional development and to enrich their academic experience.

Benefits of a Student Chapter

- Engage with fellow students and peers
- Opportunities to organize technical meeting programs and scholarly activities
- Collaborate with members to present posters at ECS bi-annual meetings
- A network of 8000 international ECS members
- Access to career resources
- Impressive extracurricular activity for resume
- Funding to support chapter activities
- Partnership opportunities with local ECS Section on activities and technical programs
- Recognition on the ECS website and in quarterly publication, *Interface*

Qualifications to Establish a Student Chapter

- Chapter members must have active ECS membership status
- Students must be affiliated with an educational institution
- Secure endorsement of a faculty advisor who is an active member of ECS
- A minimum of six (6) students required to form a chapter at an academic institution or as a regional chapter that includes several neighboring academic institutions
- The Chapter shall coordinate a minimum of two activities annually that promote electrochemical and solid state science and technology

Faculty Advisor Responsibilities

- Provide guidance on the organization and development of the student chapter
- Assist with the identification of student member prospects to sustain membership
- Oversee the governance of the student chapter and work with its leadership
- Assist the chapter with the development of its activities and technical programs
- Advise resources that will support the chapter activities and programs
- Encourage mentoring for personal and professional development
- Offer career guidance

How to Get Started

- Establish a leadership structure that includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Collaborate with Faculty Advisor to develop a proposed meeting schedule and activities
- Designate a proposed student chapter name
- Complete the attached Student Chapter Application and submit to ECS
- Upon receipt of approved Chapter status, initiate meetings and activities
- Submit photos of new chapter members and activity information for *Interface*

How to Maintain Active Student Chapter Status

- Maintain open communication with ECS
- Submit activity information and photos to be included in *Interface*
- Submit annual report reflecting past year's activities as well as activities for the new year
- Maintain a minimum of six (6) members
- Continue with on-going activities that promote electrochemical and solid state science and technology
- Continuously recruit new members to maintain sustainability of the chapter

Student Chapter Funding Reimbursements

- Chapters are eligible for up to \$1,000USD in reimbursement funding each year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31).
- Reimbursement requests must be submitted immediately following the event; funding is available on a first come, first serve basis as funds remain available.
- The reimbursement form must be completed and submitted with each reimbursement.
- Chapter reimbursement funding is not available for the purchase of alcohol beverages.
- ECS reserves the right to approve or deny reimbursement requests.

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